



Dear Friend,

As we begin 2012, I'm grateful to have the privilege of serving the citizens of Loudoun County for another four years. Thank you to all who have taken the opportunity to share concerns and/or voice opinions. They are important to me and are helpful in fulfilling my role as Chairman.

I also want to welcome the new Board of Supervisors; I look forward to working with them during this term. The "Action Summary Report" from the new Board's first business meeting on January 3rd has been posted on my website at <http://chairmanyork.wordpress.com>. If you wish to read staff reports on any specific item the link is here: [Business Meeting Packets](#).

Board of Supervisors' Meetings:

On January 3rd, the Board adopted the revised rules of order, changing the Board meeting schedule. A public input/general business meeting will be held on the Tuesday before the first business meeting of the month, at 5:00 p.m. The first business meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. The monthly public hearing will be held the following Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. The second business meeting will be held the following Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

This month's public hearing will take place on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. For the full agenda, [click here](#). Immediately followed the public hearing there will be a special meeting of the Board to be briefed on ongoing litigation matters. This will be a closed door meeting and not open to the public.

The next Board of Supervisors Business meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17th at 5:00 p.m. For the full meeting schedule, [click here](#).

Public Comment:

Public Comment before the Board will be held at the Public Input/General Business meeting, starting as early as 6:00 p.m. and at the second Business Meeting starting as early as 5:30 p.m. Of course members of the public are always invited to communicate by E-mail, US mail, calling the Board's Comment Line (703-777-0115), call directly to our offices (703-777-0204), and in my case, you can also contact me on Facebook.

A Couple Items from January 3rd Business Meeting:

First, considering the unprecedented budgetary challenges facing Loudoun County and the increasing demand for core public services, County government must become more effective and efficient. All Loudoun residents, families and businesses have been impacted by the national recession and contend daily with its consequences. The realities of the current economic situation have forced tough and often painful financial choices by citizens, businesses and government alike. Loudoun's citizens and businesses have had to reassess their necessities and priorities, and in many cases cut costs, eliminate spending, and get along with less. County government needs to do the same; therefore the Board has created the Loudoun County Government Reform Commission (LCGRC). The LCGRC has been tasked to:

1. Identify opportunities, by means of an audit or other means, for creating efficiencies in County government, including streamlining, consolidating and/or eliminating duplicative and unnecessary services, programs and regulations;
2. Explore innovative ways to deliver County services at the lowest cost and best value to taxpayers;
3. Seek out means to more effectively and efficiently perform core County government functions and concentrate on core mission-oriented services, including potential privatization of government operations where appropriate; and
4. Examine ways for government to be more transparent, user friendly, and accountable to citizens.

Second, Loudoun County has been committed to integrating its transportation infrastructure with land use. There are several deficiencies that currently exist within the road network in Eastern Loudoun so I recommended that the Board direct staff to address these issues with an ultimate goal of putting forth a plan that results in improvements to the transportation network in Loudoun County. Staff has been directed to prepare information addressing transportation deficiencies and missing links in Eastern Loudoun and will report to the Board no later than the first Business meeting in March.

These and all other action items can be found by visiting my website at <http://chairmanyork.wordpress.com>.

Updates and Opportunities:

For updates on the Route 50 Widening Project visit www.dsava.org. The Dulles South Alliance places weekly or biweekly updates regarding lane closures along Route 50.

Inova Loudoun Hospital will be offering "Ask the Expert" Lecture series starting Wednesday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. with "Surgical Treatment of Kidney Disorder and Advanced Treatment" with Jennifer Young, MD, urologist, Inova Loudoun Hospital. On Wednesday, January 18th at 2:00 p.m. Netta Goel, MD, Inova Loudoun Hospital will present "Understanding Diabetes: A Key To Better Health". For full information and registration call (855)694-6682 or the website by [clicking here](#).

Best Wishes,

Scott

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